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At 10:13 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, to Tuesday, June 11, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. for a joint meeting with the Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission in the West Annex meeting room, with regular business commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber. **Tuesday, May 28, and Tuesday, June 4, will be Council dark nights.**

**MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance City Council convened in an adjourned regular session at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 in the Council Chamber at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Barnett, Brewer, Furey, Numark, Rhilinger, Sutherland and Mayor Scotto.

Absent: None.

Present: City Manager Jackson, City Attorney Fellows, City Clerk Herbers and other staff representatives.

Agenda Item 18 was considered out of order at this time.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council immediately recessed to closed session to confer with the City Manager and the City Attorney on agenda matters listed under 18A) Conference with Labor Negotiator, 18B) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, and 18C) Real Property – Conference with Real Property Negotiator, pursuant to California Government Code §54957.6, 54956.9(d)(1) and 54956.8.

The City Council reconvened at 7:04 p.m. with all members present. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

2. FLAG SALUTE/ INVOCATION

The flag salute was led by AYSO Area Director Fred Silver.

The non-sectarian invocation was given by Councilmember Rhilinger.

**3. REPORT OF CITY CLERK ON POSTING OF THE AGENDA/ MOTION TO
WAIVE FURTHER READING**

City Clerk Herbers reported that the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard on Thursday, May 16, 2013.

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved that after the City Clerk has read aloud the number and title to any resolution or ordinance on the meeting agenda, the further reading thereof shall be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilmember the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Numark and passed by unanimous vote.

4. WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

No items were withdrawn or deferred. Supplemental material was available for items 8D and 13B.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Clerk Herbers announced that a Commissioner Certification training class will be held on Tuesday, June 4. She noted that Torrance residents interested in seeking appointment to a Torrance commission must have taken this free class within 2 years prior to appointment; that the City Council will be making appointments to fill vacancies on the Cable Television

Advisory Board, the Library Commission, the Traffic Commission and the Water Commission on Tuesday, June 25; and that late registration can be made by calling the City Manager's office at 310.618.5880 or the City Clerk's office at 310.618.2870.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. RESOLUTION NO. 2013-35 RE POLICE OFFICER DAVID CHO

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-35

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING AND COMMENDING POLICE OFFICER DAVID CHO AS A RECIPIENT OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved to adopt Resolution No. 2013-35. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

To be presented at a later date.

6B. RESOLUTION NO. 2013-36 RE POLICE OFFICER DUSTY GARVER

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-36

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING AND COMMENDING POLICE OFFICER DUSTY GARVER AS A RECIPIENT OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved to adopt Resolution No. 2013-36. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

To be presented at a later date.

6C. PROCLAMATION RE "FOSTER CARE MONTH"

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation declaring the month of May as **Foster Care Month** in the City of Torrance to Rosa Tang, Assistant Regional Administrator - Department of Children and Family Services Torrance office.

Ms. Tang encouraged people to serve as foster parents since there is a great shortage in the Torrance area.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

7A. Georjean Griswold, Torrance Rose Float Association, encouraged residents to support the 2014 Rose Float, with additional information at 310.618.2425.

7B. Janet Payne, Torrance Historical Society, announced that there will be a free walking tour of downtown Torrance on Sunday, May 26, at 1:30 p.m. beginning at the historical museum located at 1345 Post Avenue.

7C. Janet Payne, Torrance Historical Society, announced that there will be a ceremonial reading of the names on the Torrance Veterans Memorial Wall on Monday, May 27, at 2:00 p.m. and the documentary *Names on the Wall* will be shown at the historical museum following the ceremony.

7D. Judy Brunetti, Riviera Homeowners Association, noted that contrary to an email sent out earlier by the HOA, there will not be discussion of a possible view ordinance survey at this evening's meeting.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. AGREEMENT AMENDMENT RE YOUTH GYMNASTICS, MARTIAL ARTS AND DANCE CLASSES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council approve an amendment to the contract with SuperKids (C2012-094) in the amount of \$9,567.40 for a new not to exceed total amount of \$52,145.40 to provide family gym classes and dance classes for youth at the Cultural Arts Center.

8B. TORRANCE SISTER CITY 2012 ANNUAL REPORT/ APPROVAL OF GRANT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve a \$1,500 grant to the Torrance Sister City Association for 2013; and
- 2) Accept and file the Torrance Sister City Association 2012 Annual Report.

8C. TORRANCE TRANSIT 2013 TITLE VI PROGRAM

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council approve the Torrance Transit 2013 Title VI Program as required by the Federal Transit Administration.

8D. PURCHASE ORDERS FOR COMMUNICATIONS, LIGHTING AND MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT FOR POLICE VEHICLES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the General Services Director and Chief of Police that City Council:

- 1) Award a purchase order to Airwave Communications Enterprises of Commerce, CA in the amount of \$94,195.83 to furnish and install communications, lighting, and miscellaneous equipment on City-owned Police vehicles (B2013-09); and
- 2) Award a purchase order to 911 Vehicle of Anaheim, CA in the amount of \$64,950.12 to furnish and install communications, lighting, and miscellaneous equipment on City-owned Police vehicles (B2013-09).

8E. APPROPRIATION FOR 2013 "BEAT THE ODDS" SCHOLARSHIPS

Considered separately, see below.

MOTION: Councilmember Sutherland moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 8A through 8D. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brewer and passed by unanimous vote.

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Consent Calendar Item 8E was considered separately at this time.

8E. APPROPRIATION FOR 2013 "BEAT THE ODDS" SCHOLARSHIPS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Torrance Youth Council and the Community Services Director that City Council approve and appropriate \$6,000 from the Youth Council Donation Account for warrants to be issued to six 2013 "Beat the Odds" scholarship honorees.

Teena Roshini, Justin Kim, and Joseph Roh, Youth Council, thanked the Mayor and City Council for supporting the scholarship program.

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous vote.

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Agenda Item 12F was considered out of order at this time.

12F. TURF OPTIONS FOR RECREATIONAL SPORTS FIELDS

Recommendations

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council consider and provide direction as an alternative Capital Project scope for the recreational sports fields located at 555 Maple Avenue with potential revenues to fund expanded field opportunity. Alternative 1) Current scope with Hydro Seed in the amount of \$1,440,000; or Alternative 2) Alternative scope with artificial turf in the amount of \$2,500,000.

Community Services Director Jones discussed the pros and cons of installing natural turf versus artificial turf for the recreational sports fields at 455 Maple Avenue and requested the Council's direction on this issue.

Councilmember Furey expressed concerns that rental rates would increase significantly if artificial turf is used, which would greatly impact non-profit groups such as AYSO, and questioned whether the projected rental rate of \$100 per field was viable. He also expressed concerns that the use of artificial turf will require the facility to be fenced, with access by permit only, and that nothing can be put in the ground, such as stakes or posts for sunshades.

Community Services Director Jones expressed confidence that the projected rental rate was achievable based on a market analysis. He explained that the two professional-sized fields can be configured to accommodate up to six youth soccer fields so the cost can be shared among the teams. He reported that the sports fields will be fenced and locked regardless of whether natural or artificial turf is used and noted that there are ways to provide relief from the sun without damaging the artificial turf, such as umbrellas attached to beach chairs.

Responding to questions from the Council, Community Services Director Jones advised that funding for the artificial turf is available in the City's reserve for the acquisition of open space, which would be reimbursed by the \$200,000 per year in rental fees. He reported that the artificial turf is expected to last between 8 and 10 years and the replacement cost is approximately one-third of the original cost.

Councilmember Barnett indicated that he favored installing artificial turf because it would allow for the year-round use of the fields as opposed to natural grass, which can be used only 8 months of the year to allow for the recovery of the turf.

Expressing support for the artificial turf, Councilmember Sutherland pointed out that in addition to being more durable, artificial turf is safer because there are no uneven surfaces or gopher holes that cause people to trip and fall.

Councilmember Numark stated that from a financial standpoint, artificial turf was the obvious choice because the yearly maintenance cost is much less and it would generate significantly more revenue, which would more than make up for the higher initial cost.

Councilmember Furey noted that the artificial turf would also save many gallons of water, and Community Services Director Jones estimated that water usage for the natural grass would cost approximately \$30,000 per year.

Mayor Scotto agreed that artificial turf was the more cost effective option. He explained that configuring the fields for different sports will be very easy and all the necessary equipment will be provided. He noted that sunshades can be anchored with sandbags so they do not damage the turf. He suggested that this type of facility could attract more tournaments to Torrance thereby stimulating the economy.

Mayor Scotto invited public comment.

Wendy Bell, resident and AYSO board member/coach, voiced support for installing artificial turf. She stated that a multi-field complex with artificial turf would give Torrance the elite status it deserves as the birthplace of AYSO and it would make it possible to play soccer year-round, reduce the risk of injury, and provide another venue for tournaments.

Fred Silver, resident and AYSO area director, urged that funding for the artificial turf be approved, citing the benefits of lower maintenance costs, more durable turf and less down time. He suggested that the AYSO National Games to be held Torrance in the summer of 2014 would be an ideal time to showcase this facility.

Debbie Hays, resident and AYSO team parent, expressed support for the artificial turf. She stated that sports fields are at a premium and having a brand new facility with night lighting and a high-quality surface will help put Torrance on the map.

David DeWitt, resident and AYSO referee, also voiced support for the artificial turf. He suggested that the City consider installing bleachers for special events.

Councilmember Sutherland emphasized that the fields will be available for other sports such as football and lacrosse and will not be used only for soccer.

MOTION: Councilmember Brewer moved to approve Option 2 – Alternative Scope with artificial turf in the amount of \$2,500,000. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

12A. REVISIONS TO CITY OF TORRANCE BAIL SCHEDULE

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Clerk on behalf of the City Treasurer and City Attorney that City Council adopt a Resolution restating the suggested bail schedule for both misdemeanor and infraction offenses arising from violations of the Torrance Municipal Code and repealing Resolution 2010-106.

City Clerk Herbers reported that the bail schedule for misdemeanors/infractions has been updated at the direction of the City Treasurer and the City Attorney.

Responding to questions from the Council, Deputy City Attorney Studwell provided clarification regarding the amendments to the bail schedule.

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Numark and passed by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-39

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2010-106 AND
ADOPTING A RESTATED RECOMMENDED TORRANCE
MUNICIPAL CODE BAIL SCHEDULE

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved to adopt Resolution No. 2013-39. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

12B. FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION GRANT APPLICATIONS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council authorize the City Manager to submit on behalf of the Torrance Transit System's Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Federal Transit Administration, Urbanized Formula (Section 5307) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ Section 5309) applications for \$8,376,627.

Transit Administration Manager Mills reported that the applications are for two Federal Transit Administration grants, with the Section 5307 grant (\$4,025,827) to be used for preventative maintenance, the purchase of 1 alternative-fuel bus, and bus stop improvements and the CMAQ Section 5309 grant (\$4,350,800) to be used for the purchase of 8 alternative-fuel buses. He noted that with this purchase, 50 out of Torrance Transit's fleet of 63 buses will be alternative-fuel vehicles.

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Numark and passed by unanimous vote.

12C. ACCEPTANCE/APPROPRIATION OF PROPOSITION 84 STORMWATER GRANT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City to enter into and the Public Works Director to sign an Agreement to accept the Proposition 84 Stormwater Grant Program grant for the Machado Lake Trash TMDL Project;
- 2) Upon approval of agreement, appropriate \$1,745,800 for the Proposition 84 Stormwater Grant Program and \$233,767.04 for the City of Torrance matching funds from the Sewer Enterprise Fund balance;
- 3) Approve a Memorandum of Agreement between the cities of Torrance, Carson, Palos Verdes Estates, Lomita, Rolling Hills Estates and Rancho Palos Verdes approving the City of Torrance as the lead agency and providing for the partner cities' matching funds not to exceed \$247,832.96 for total matching funds of \$481,600, and
- 4) Accept and appropriate a net amount of \$27,108.33 pursuant to the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement from the partner cities' for their share of matching funds.

Engineering Manager Dettle provided an overview of the project.

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Numark and passed by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-40

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A PROPOSITION 84 AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR GRANT FUNDS IN CONNECTION WITH THE MACHADO LAKE TRASH TMDL PROJECT AND DESIGNATING THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved to adopt Resolution No. 2013-40. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

12D. RESOLUTION RE POLICE AND FIRE TRAINEES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council adopt a Resolution regarding hours, wages, and working conditions for Police and Fire Trainees effective May 21, 2013 and repealing Resolution No. 2011-40.

Assistant to the City Manager Chaparyan reported that this item was deferred at the May 14 City Council meeting so that staff could conduct a survey of salaries for comparable agencies, as well as local agencies in the South Bay, which has been provided as Attachment B to the staff report.

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Numark and passed by a 6-1 vote, with Councilmember Sutherland dissenting.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-41

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR POLICE AND FIRE TRAINEES BEGINNING MAY 21, 2013 AND REPEALING RESOLUTION 2011-40

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved to adopt Resolution No. 2013-41. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by a 6-1 vote, with Councilmember Sutherland dissenting.

12E. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SALE/ISSUANCE OF 2013-14 TAX REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Finance Director that City Council adopt a Resolution approving the sale and issuance of Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Tax Revenue Anticipation Notes (TRAN's) not to exceed \$32,500,000.

Finance Director Tsao advised that Tax Revenue Anticipation Notes assist with fluctuations in the City's cash flow and allow for the pre-payment of annual pension costs at a discount of approximately 3.7%.

Charles Deemer, resident, requested information about the pay-off of TRAN's, which was provided by Finance Director Tsao.

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Numark and passed by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-41

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROVIDING FOR THE BORROWING OF FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 AND THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF 2013-2014 TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$32,500,000 THEREFOR

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved to adopt Resolution No. 2013-41. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

12F. TURF OPTIONS FOR RECREATIONAL SPORTS FIELDS

Considered out of order, see pages 4-5.

13. HEARINGS

13A. CITY OF TORRANCE LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 99-1

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Finance Director that City Council:

- 1) Conduct a public hearing on the proposed levy of assessments within the City of Torrance Lighting District No. 99-1 for Fiscal Year 2013-2014; and,
- 2) Adopt a Resolution confirming the diagram and assessment for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 and ordering the improvements in connection with the City of Torrance Lighting District No. 99-1.

Mayor Scotto announced that this was the time and place for a public hearing on this matter. City Clerk Herbers confirmed that the hearing was properly advertised.

Kerry Kehoe, Finance Department, reported that the assessment rates remain unchanged since FY 2007-08 when they reached the cap approved by voters and any increase in the cost of maintaining street lights is absorbed by the General Fund. She noted that the total cost for FY2013-14 is \$3,109,879 of which \$1,326,753 will be paid by property owners and \$1,783,126 will be paid by the General Fund.

Mayor Scotto invited public comment.

Charles Deemer, resident, questioned whether the City could use an energy provider other than Southern California Edison, and Public Works Director Beste explained that the City would have to buy the street lights since they are owned and operated by SCE.

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Numark and passed by unanimous vote.

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Numark and passed by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-43

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONFIRMING A DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 IN CONNECTION WITH THE CITY OF TORRANCE LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 99-1 PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT OF 1972, PART 2 OF DIVISION 15 OF THE CALIFORNIA STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE, AND AS PROVIDED BY ARTICLE XIID OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved to adopt Resolution No. 2013-43. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council took a brief recess from 8:40 p.m. to 8:52 p.m.

13B. 2nd PUBLIC HEARING/BUDGET WORKSHOP RE 2013-2015 OPERATING BUDGET

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Finance Director that City Council open and conduct the second public hearing and budget workshop regarding proposed City of Torrance two-year 2013-2015 operating budget.

Mayor Scotto announced that this was the time and place for a public hearing on this matter. City Clerk Herbers confirmed that the hearing was properly advertised.

With the aid of slides, Finance Director Tsao reviewed the status of the City's pension funds, including the long-term outlook for CalPERS (California Public Employee Retirement System) rates and the impact of the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013. He noted that at the Council's request, information has been provided regarding the addition of a Deputy City Attorney III position, funding for the maintenance of the new sports fields at 555 Maple Avenue, improvements to the Noise Abatement System at Torrance Airport; implementation of an after-school program at Jefferson Middle School; and funding options for adding a "Friendly City Program." He advised that staff was recommending that discussion of options for obtaining public input regarding a view protection ordinance be deferred and considered outside the budget process.

Responding to questions from the Council, Community Development Director Gibson provided clarification regarding the proposal to temporarily reallocate Environmental Quality staff to assist with the enforcement of noise abatement regulations at the airport.

Councilmember Brewer expressed concerns about the impact of increases in CalPERS rates over the next five years.

Finance Director Tsao advised that these increases have been included in budget projections and the City will maintain a balanced budget.

In response to Councilmember Numark's inquiry, Community Services Director Jones reported that the \$5,000 estimated cost for the after-school program at Jefferson Middle School is based on 17 students and the program will break even if there are 4 more students.

Mayor Scotto suggested the possibility of promoting a Deputy City Attorney II rather than adding a Deputy City Attorney III position, and a brief discussion ensued.

Councilmember Rhilinger, echoed by Councilmember Furey, voiced support for adding the Deputy City Attorney III position due to the increasing demands on the City Attorney's Office.

Mayor Scotto invited public comment.

Richard Root, resident, voiced support for staff's recommendation regarding improvements to the noise abatement system and the reallocation of staff. He reported that a significant number of violations occur because FAA/tower instructions conflict with the City's noise abatement rules and recommended that this issue be referred to staff or the Airport Commission for further study.

Lee Lee Chou, principal of Jefferson Middle School, reported that an after-school program is greatly needed at the school and estimated that at least 25 students would participate. She submitted a petition in support of the program.

Charles Deemer, resident, requested clarification regarding funding for the June 2014 municipal election and employee health insurance and pension costs, which was provided by City staff.

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Numark and passed by unanimous vote.

Finance Director Tsao summarized the operational changes and business practices encompassed in the proposed budget. He requested input from the Council regarding the program modification that would provide \$15,000 in seed money for a "Friendly City Program." He noted that according to Ms. Chou's remarks, the \$5,000 in funding allocated for the after-school program at Jefferson School will not be needed.

City Manager Jackson clarified that staff envisions that the Friendly City Program would be operated by an outside group with the assistance of staff.

MOTION: Councilmember Rhilinger moved to approve the FY2013-2015 Operating Budget as submitted, including the addition of a Deputy City Attorney III position; improvements to the Noise Abatement System/reallocation of staff; and \$15,000 in funding for a Friendly City Program. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous vote.

City Manager Jackson advised that Resolutions reflecting the Council's action will be brought back for approval at the June 11, 2013 City Council meeting.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

17A. Councilmember Barnett commented positively on the Armed Forces Day Parade, stating that he thought the 500 recruits who took their oath of enlistment at the parade made it very special. He thanked City staff for assisting with the event.

17B. Councilmember Brewer announced that the historical bridge over Torrance Boulevard will be re-dedicated and re-named the "Pacific Electric Railway – El Prado Bridge" on Thursday, May 23, at 4:30 p.m.

17C. Councilmember Brewer requested that staff discuss the City's noise abatement procedures with the FAA and request their cooperation in enforcing them.

17D. Councilmember Furey echoed comments on the Armed Forces Day Parade and commended Police Sergeant Steve D'anjou for doing an excellent job of overseeing the event.

17E. Councilmember Furey encouraged everyone to remember those who gave their lives in defense of our country on Memorial Day.

17F. Councilmember Numark echoed comments on the Armed Forces Day Parade.

17G. Councilmember Numark commended staff for their work on the budget.

17H. Councilmember Numark announced that City employees will be holding a blood drive on Tuesday, June 11, with sign-ups available at www.redcrossblood.org.

17I. Councilmember Numark requested that the American Association of University Women be recognized for their sponsorship of a science and math camp for young girls.

17J. Councilmember Numark, with the concurrence of Council, requested that staff investigate the possibility of allowing internet providers to offer WiFi coverage free of charge in public areas of Torrance.

17K. Councilmember Rhilinger commended staff for their efforts on the Armed Forces Day Parade and the budget.

17L. Councilmember Rhilinger encouraged the public to donate to organizations that are providing support to tornado victims in Oklahoma.

17M. Councilmember Sutherland thanked staff for assisting with the Armed Forces Day Parade and noted the invaluable contribution of our military men and women.

17N. Councilmember Sutherland commented on the budget process and the improved economy.

17O. Mayor Scotto echoed comments on the Armed Forces Day Parade.

17P. Hayley Tumanjan, resident, expressed concerns that Torrance Transit buses are using her residential street (Dalemead Street) to get from Crenshaw Boulevard to Rolling Hills Way.

Transit Director Turner advised that staff is looking into alternate routes in this area.

17Q. City Manager Jackson thanked staff for their efforts to provide requested information on the budget within a very short timeframe.

17R. John Bailey, Southeast Torrance Homeowners Association, thanked the Council for approving improvements to the Noise Abatement Center at Torrance Airport. He related his experience that the FAA is not inclined to cooperate with local airports concerning noise abatement regulations.

17S. A former investor in All Yellow Taxi (name inaudible/no speaker card) expressed concerns that the company has taken ownership of his permits with the City of Torrance making it impossible for his drivers/vehicles to operate in Torrance.

Mayor Scotto advised that this dispute appears to be a civil matter between the investor and All Yellow Taxi, but offered to have City staff meet with him to discuss it.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

19. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:13 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, to Tuesday, June 11, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. for a joint meeting with the Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission in the West Annex meeting room, with regular business commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber. **Tuesday, May 28, and Tuesday, June 4, will be Council dark nights.**

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Attest:

/s/ Frank Scotto

Mayor of the City of Torrance

/s/ Sue Herbers

Sue Herbers, CMC
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on June 25, 2013